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SUBJECT: 25TH UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL SESSION - BUDGET AND
FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. IN 26 JUNE MEETING OF BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE,
FINLAND INTRODUCED DRAFT DECISION CONTAINED IN PARA THREE
BELOW. THE PURPOSE IS TO REDUCE THE INORDINATE COST AND
AMOUNT OF PAPERS PREPARED FOR GC SESSIONS AND TO SHARPEN
THE SECRETARIAT'S DRAFTING AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. PRELIMINARY REACTIONS OF DELS ARE FAVORABLE, AND THE
MAIN QUESTION TURNS ON PARA ONE OF THE DRAFT, WHICH
FINLAND IS WILLING TO REVERSE, I.E., ELIMINATE THE SUMMARY
RECORDS AND RETAIN THE PRACTICE OF SUMMARIZING THE DEBATES
IN THE COUNCIL'S REPORT. WE BELIEVE THE DRAFT WARRANTS
OUR SUPPORT, AND WE WILL SO INDICATE IN DISCUSSIONS.

3. BEGIN TEXT: THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

(1.) DECIDES AS AN ECONOMY MEASURE, TO DISCONTINUE THE
PRACTICE OF SUMMARISING THE DEBATES OF THE COUNCIL IN ITS
REPORT IN RESPECT OF THOSE PARTS OF THE DEBATE FOR WHICH
SUMMARY RECORDS EXIST.

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(2.) DECIDES THAT BEFORE A DECISION IS TAKEN BY THE
COUNCIL, THE ADMINISTRATOR SHALL, WHENEVER APPLICABLE,
INFORM THE COUNCIL ORALLY OR IN WRITING OF THE FINANCIAL
IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION IN QUESTION. SUCH INFORMA-
TION SHALL BE CONSIDERED BY THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COM-
MITTEE BEFORE THE DECISION IS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL.

(3.) REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR

(A) TO PREFACE EACH GOVERNING COUNCIL DOCUMENT
WITH A BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITS CONTENTS;

(B) INDICATE CLEARLY IN EACH GOVERNING COUNCIL DOCUMENT
WHETHER THE COUNCIL IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ACTION ON THE
BASIS OF THE DOCUMENT AND WHAT ACTION IS PROPOSED BY
THE ADMINISTRATOR.

(4.) REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR TO INTRODUCE A CODE
SYSTEM, IN THE MANNER CUSTOMARY IN OTHER UNITED NATIONS
ORGANIZATIONS, FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF GOVERNING
COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS. THE SYSTEM SHOULD BE
SO DESIGNED THAT IT CAN BE APPLIED RETROACTIVELY TO ALL
GOVERNING COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS. END TEXT.
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